

For Immediate Release

February 2, 2006

Contact: Lacey Young
Meetings Manager
lly@acpm.org
(703) 200-6685

Preventive Medicine conference to feature quality improvement and patient safety

Premier meeting on preventive medicine scheduled for Reno/Tahoe, February 22-26

Physicians and other healthcare professionals with expertise in quality improvement, disease prevention, and health promotion are gathering for *Preventive Medicine 2006* to explore the state of the art in quality improvement and patient safety. *Preventive Medicine 2006* is the premier meeting held annually for physicians and other healthcare professionals with an interest in preventive medicine. The forum serves as the annual meeting for the Washington, D.C.-based American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM), a national professional society for physicians dedicated to disease prevention and health promotion.

Public attention has focused increasingly on quality and accountability in the U.S. health system, and policymakers, clinicians, and the health care industry have responded with substantial strides in turning rhetoric into action and translating research into practice. This conference will explore the latest innovations across each of these sectors.

For example, innovators, national experts, and policy leaders will discuss the impact on quality of legislative changes like the Medicare Modernization Act. Several sessions will explore the emerging roles of health information technology, including issues and controversies created by health information exchanges. A day-long Healthcare Quality Improvement Institute will address how to build and share best evidence for clinical decision-making.

Selected highlights of the meeting include:

- David Eddy, MD, PhD, internationally renowned consultant and champion of quality and evidence-based medicine, will deliver an exciting keynote presentation on “Releasing Pent Up Prevention,”
- Carolyn Clancy, MD, Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, will discuss the linkages between prevention and quality and the need to translate prevention research and evidence into practice and policy,
- Kenneth Kizer, MD, MPH, former President and CEO of the National Quality Forum and now with Medsphere, will discuss transformational changes in healthcare and quality improvement, and

- Paul Antony, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Officer for the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, and a panel of distinguished experts will explore approaches to risk management and practice for drug risk and benefit.

Scheduled for February 22-26 in Reno/Tahoe, Nevada, *Preventive Medicine 2006* will attract nearly 700 physicians and other health care professionals. The meeting will be held at John Ascuaga's Nugget Resort.

Preventive Medicine 2006 will be convened jointly with *Medical Quality 2006*, the annual conference of the American College of Medical Quality.

Detailed information about *Preventive Medicine 2006* can be found on the ACPM web site at www.acpm.org.

###

The American College of Preventive Medicine is the national medical specialty society representing physicians committed to health promotion and disease prevention. Founded in 1954, ACPM provides leadership in research, professional education, development of public policy, and enhancement of standards of preventive medicine. In addition to physicians Board-certified in preventive medicine, ACPM's members include physicians Board-certified in other medical specialties who have a strong interest in health promotion and disease prevention. For more information about ACPM, visit www.acpm.org.